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The people have spoken

County won't close libraries in wake of overwhelming public opposition

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The people have spoken and their voices were heard loud and clear.

After two public meetings on the fate of the county's libraries, the library committee is going "back to the drawing board," abandoning its original recommendation to close four of the eight libraries in Haliburton County.

The decision was made after public meetings in both Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands last week.

On Tuesday, more than 100 residents of Highlands East gathered inside the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, thankful for the opportunity to speak to board members for the first time in the process.

In all, 14 public presentations were made in Wilberforce – only one of which supported the county's decision back in

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Back to basics

It was a blast from the past on January 23 when the Grade 3 students of Stuart Baker Elementary celebrated 'pioneer day' and experienced what school life was once like. Above, Victoria Archibald works on a math assignment using chalk and a chalkboard, while her peer Diana Lauricella (background) does the same. For more photos from pioneer day see page 8.

Courting the 2010 Summer Games

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The first of a possible four-step process is complete, as warden Eleanor Harrison has submitted Haliburton County's letter of intent to host the 2010 Ontario Summer Games.

Robert Smith, the director of the Haliburton County's Economic Development and Tourism Marketing, explains why the county should share his excitement about the possibility of hosting such a prestigious event.

"It's never been done on a county-wide basis," said Smith of the games, which are

played every two years.

Through Sport Alliance of Ontario, a not-for-profit provincial sport management agency, the games have historically been played in a typical urban setting where venues are relatively close together. But Smith felt that early meetings he had with the agency were quite positive.

"They're quite enthusiastic," said Smith.

Adding to Sport Alliances' positive outlook says Smith, was the fact that county council was on board, at least in the early stage of the matter.

Smith explained that the letter of intent merely shows the county's interest in

hosting the event and allows the county the right to communicate with Sport Alliance; the most important matter for the county is to find out if they have the right facilities to match the needs of Sport Alliance in order to do a credible hosting job.

With the letter of intent complete the next step for the county will be to assess whether the county can facilitate such an event. At first, Smith felt that the county didn't have what was necessary to host such an event.

"But when you start to assess what we

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Residents say 'bigger is not better'

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August to fund only one library per municipality. The others were passionate pleas from those who didn't want to lose libraries in their already remote rural towns.

"There's plenty to think about," said library board chairperson Cheryl Murdoch in closing the two-hour meeting. Murdoch was also thankful for the audience's civility.

But by the end of the meeting the next night at the Frost Centre in Algonquin Highlands, Murdoch told the group she had heard them and that a "one-size-fits-all" plan for library rationalization just wouldn't work in Haliburton County, indicating that a one-library-per-municipality solution wasn't practical.

For the county, the purpose of last week's meetings was to present findings, recommendations, and evaluations from a report conducted by Ontario Library Services that supported the decision made back in August. But, more importantly, the meeting was also a chance for the public to voice their opinion on the matter.

Prior to last week there had been no public consultation on the subject. This had angered many and Murdoch recognized that.

Currently, Minden Hills and Dysart et al have only one library in each of the municipalities, so those areas won't be affected by any of the possible changes. However, Algonquin Highlands, with two libraries, and Highlands East, with four, stood to lose the most.

After a brief introduction from meeting mediator Jack Brezina and a few words from Warden Eleanor Harrison, the county, represented by CAO Jim Wilson, made the first presentation of the evening.

Wilson took the crowd through a Power Point presentation that covered the library board's mandate, county library statistics from 2002-2007, as well as various

charts and graphs covering usage and minimum building standards.

One of Wilson's main points was that total usage of the county libraries has gone down over a five-year period and the board was trying to show the public that amalgamation of the municipal libraries might be a better idea.

The presentation was very informative, however, the information provided was arguable and this became more evident with each public speaker.

To summarize the meeting, the library board was pushing that bigger was better. One library per municipality would allow them to improve programming, hours of operation and circulation.

The problem with "bigger and better" in Highlands East is that that isn't what the people want or need, argued many.

Michelle Smith and her husband run the general store in Highland Grove and are frequent visitors of the Highland Grove Public Library. One of her favourite things about the library is the personal service she receives. She would often come in and the librarian had set aside a book she thought she might like.

In her allotted speaking time of five minutes Smith explained that she and her husband made a conscious decision to move to Highland Grove because they wanted to live somewhere that was community driven. For her, the library plays an integral role in the community. She explained that the town would suffer dearly if the library shut down.

"We don't want to be just the sharp turn in the road," said Smith.

Paul Hazen suggested that a solution might mean overturning the decision, then asked "how do we fix what's not broken?"

Linda Clarke asked county council to accept the challenge and find a way to keep the libraries open, while Vince Levesque said he would like to see the vote rescinded and felt that the public was kept in the dark about what was happening.

Jane and Bill Rinne argued that centralization is not the answer as there was no central point in Highlands East. They added that council should get a bigger budget and look from the top down, not from the grassroots up, regarding cost cuts.

Another big issue for residents of Highlands East is the travel distance that would come with a centralized library. Heather Taylor, a mature student at Trent University in Peterborough, said that she had a car, the Internet, and a credit card that she could afford to use if she wanted or needed to get books, but that many in the



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community are not as fortunate as she is. Of the 14 speakers only one – Eleanor Malcolmson of the group "Friends of the Library" – said she supported the county's decision, arguing that the upgrades to new library facilities would eventually outweigh the disadvantages that small towns might face.

But those arguments didn't seem to sway Tuesday's sea of residents, insistent that bigger does not always mean better, especially when it means separating a community from its library.

Prior to the meeting, Highlands East councillor Suzanne Partridge commented on what she hoped to accomplish that evening.

"I hope to prove that we need our community libraries kept open," Partridge told the *Echo*.

Partridge, along with hundreds of her ratepayers, should be happy to know that they have succeeded.

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LIFE LESSONS AT 16

*Hal High co-op student
Emily Stonehouse reflects
on the past semester and
looks toward the future*

EMILY STONEHOUSE

HHSS Co-op Student

It is with mixed emotions that I sit down to work on my final story for the *Haliburton Echo*. As this chilly and grey month of January comes to a close, so does my co-op experience at the newspaper. I have been here for almost five months and the saying "time flies when you are having a good time" pops into my head. I have had such an amazing time working here and it seems fitting to reflect on my experiences at the *Haliburton Echo*.

I came to the *Echo* with the hope of deciding what career I wanted to pursue. I was trying to decide between becoming a reporter or a high school history teacher. That was my mission: to decide what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I had no intentions of making new friends, discovering how the world works outside of school, or creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Any trepidation I had prior to starting my placement quickly vanished as soon as I walked into the cottage-style office. I was warmly welcomed by all the people working here and I feel proud that I can now call them my friends. Every single person at the *Echo* has taught me some life lesson that I know I will cherish forever.

But the best lesson I think I have learned from my co-op experience is that I am growing up. Not only am I growing up, but the friends and peers I have grown up with are all growing and changing as well.

It is funny to look at the young adults with whom I go to school; I can still remember them when they were in kindergarten. They have all grown up now and they are starting to decide on the path they want to follow for the rest of their lives. Some people still don't know what they want to do once they graduate from high school. Others are 100 per cent sure that they know what they want to do.

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo



Emily Stonehouse has been a co-op student at the *Haliburton County Echo* for the past five months. As she moves forward with her academic career, the staff at the *Echo* would like to thank her for all her help and wish her the best of luck.

Matt Duchene is a good example of someone who knows what he wants to do and he is doing it. I have known Matt since we were in kindergarten. We grew up together and, ever since I could remember, Matt would tell me that he wanted to play in the NHL. Now, at the age of 17, Matt is not only playing in the OHL for the Brampton Battalion, but he has also had the opportunity to represent Team Ontario in the Under 17 world hockey tournament.

It is great to see him making his dreams come true. Matt is just one example of the people around me who are changing. He is well on his way to getting to where he wants to be in his career.

Decisions are made now that could change the life you are going to live. My friends and I get excited when talking about what lies ahead but at the same time we are terrified of what we will leave behind as we go off and explore the world beyond Haliburton. Maybe some day, if we are lucky, we will come back here to start yet another chapter in our lives. Haliburton is a great place to grow up. There are opportunities that I

have had here that I am sure I wouldn't have had anywhere else.

What I am saying is that this is a crucial time in my life. So many "firsts" happen at my age. My friends and fellow students, whom I have grown up with, are getting their first driver's licence, first cars, first jobs, and first introductions to the "real world." People my age are starting to experience life outside high school, and seeing if they truly have what it takes to make it on their own.

I am excited to see what my life holds for me. By participating in co-op, I have learned that this great big world has so much to offer. There are many things to explore and so many new, interesting people to meet. Co-op has opened my eyes to many of the options out there and made me better prepared to go forth with more confidence. I still have not decided exactly what I want to do career wise. I am still interested in journalism, but I am also not going to turn my back on all of the other careers I could possibly pursue in my lifetime.

I would like to thank all of the people who helped me along my way. All of the

Echo gang: Matt, Greg, Jenn, and of course Martha. I would like to especially thank Mrs. Wanda Mole for arranging this experience, and helping me to discover what life can hold.

And so, as my last story for the *Echo* draws to a close, I keep in mind that the only constant thing in life is change. I am changing, I am moving on to a new part of my life, but I am sad to say goodbye to the people (and my desk) at the *Echo*. Sometimes it is frightening to let go of something familiar, something you feel comfortable with. But everything is always changing, and I have learned that new experiences, while frightening, can also bring about positive changes.

Everything eventually changes, but that is what makes life interesting. If you look for it, something good is always around the corner. It is nice to know that there are people along the way who are willing to assist, support and encourage you along the journey. And so, as the chilly and grey month of January comes to a close, everyone knows that a bright new spring is just around the corner.

Highlands East debates borrowing \$750,000

Interest over 15 years would bring the total to more than \$1 million

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council was presented with preliminary departmental budgets at its meeting on Tuesday.

In addition to numbers for next year's landfills, parks and municipal buildings, estimates for buying four more fire trucks were given by fire chief Bill Wingrove.

In order for the municipality to keep its four fire stations up to standard, Wingrove said council will need to look at buying two new tankers and two new pumpers at an estimated cost of \$750,000 in the near future.

Wingrove presented council with two financing plans from the Ontario government to be paid back over either 10 years or 15.

"I have never been a big one in favour of borrowing. We know that we have to buy at least one new vehicle every year. We need to budget for it and to do it that way," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge.

"When you borrow money, you're just spending so much extra. I'm really not in favour of replacement of four vehicles in the same year because they'll come up for replacement again in the

same year," she said.

Partridge liked the 10-year repayment plan better than the 15-year plan, since there would be less interest to pay back in total, but did not say she was in favour of either.

"I guess there's a couple sides to that, because you've got the equipment to use while you're paying for it," said Reeve Dave Burton, referring to borrowing the money for the trucks.

"And there's an awful lot of municipalities going that way, whether it's right, wrong or indifferent, they are," he said.

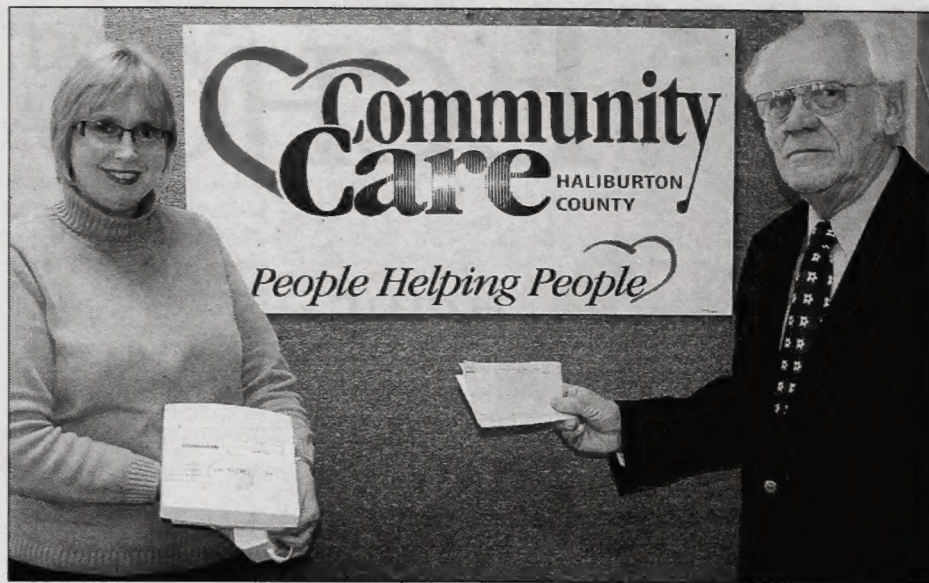
But Partridge was adamant that the municipality should start saving up to buy trucks outright instead of borrowing and ending up paying vastly more interest in the end.

"To me, that's what reserves are for, to buy capital items. I wouldn't run my business that way and I know this isn't a business but still it's the taxpayers' money and it's an extra \$300,000 [for the 15-year plan]," she said.

Wingrove's budget was submitted last week for council's consideration, but the final budget won't be determined until a future council meeting.

The Echo will continue to follow this story as it develops.

"I wouldn't run my business that way, and I know this isn't a business but it's still the taxpayers' money"
SUZANNE PARTRIDGE



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Long time Community Care volunteer Jerry Rome, a former CIBC bank manager in Minden, was pleased to be part of CIBC's Retirees Ambassador program for the fall of 2007. Last week the group donated \$500 toward Community Care programs like the Emergency Response Program, which enables people in need of assistance to stay in their homes and summon help, when needed, with emergency response units. Units cost about \$350 and they must be purchased, installed, and maintained.

Man charged after hitting cruiser

In the early morning hours of February 3 officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment conducted a RIDE program on Loop Road in Highlands East.

Officers attempted to stop a vehicle that was travelling on Loop Road at which time the driver fled northbound.

Officers followed the vehicle which eventually went out of control and ended up in a snow bank on Loop Road. Officers once again attempted to get the driver to stop, but the driver continued to ignore the request and attempted to flee the scene, striking one of the cruisers. The driver was arrested by the officers and taken to the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

A 31-year-old man of Highlands East is charged with flight from a police officer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, impaired driving, and driving with over 80mgs. The man will be appearing in Minden court on April 2.

Police have also charged a male party after stopping a vehicle in the early morning hours of February 1.

Officers were on patrol when they stopped a pickup truck on County Road 21 in the township of Dysart et al.

The driver, a 25-year-old man of Minden Hills, was subsequently charged with failing to provide a breath sample contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

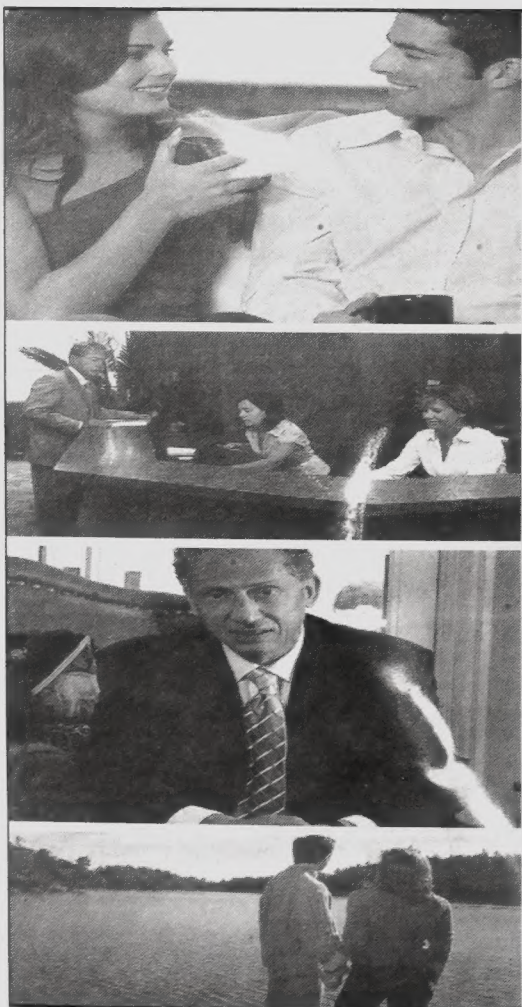
That man will also appear in Minden court on April 2 in relation to the charge.

Later on that day OPP officers conducted another RIDE program on the rail line near Ritchie Falls Road in Dysart et al.

Throughout the afternoon officers checked 25 snow machines and charged one driver.

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PAD-ding the odds in favour of survival

STEVE GALEA
Special to the Echo

You're at your local arena watching the kids skate. Suddenly a woman next to you screams for help; her husband has collapsed in the bleachers and he appears lifeless. What you do from there on in – how effectively you help – depends entirely on what you know. Many people might feel helpless in such a situation. Some would have second thoughts about getting involved. But if you've taken Haliburton County's Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) course, you're probably not one of them.

The hands-on, 6-hour course, which is now being offered throughout the County, is literally a lifesaver. In it, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff teach cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as well as techniques for clearing blocked airways. Once those procedures are thoroughly understood, participants are then shown how to use a state-of-the-art Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

These easily-learned first-aid measures, which are reinforced by practice on resuscitation dummies, are meant to bridge the gap until the EMS medical professionals or fire-fighters arrive. And they can make all the difference.

For those unfamiliar with the term, a defibrillator is the medical tool we've all seen in television dramas – the one that applies electricity to the heart of a patient whose vital signs are absent.

Simply put, its purpose is to shock a malfunctioning heart into submission, actually stopping it. This allows the heart to restart with its natural rhythm once again. In modern terms, a defibrillator reboots the heart.

Currently, PAD sites are operational in 17 locations across the County. By the end of February, that number is expected to be 23. You'll see them displayed prominently in places such as the Royal Canadian Legions, curling clubs, community centres, and arenas throughout the county – public places where people gather regularly. EMS Quality Assurance and Education Manager, Larry Blanchard says it was felt that the defibrillators would do the most good in places such as these.

PAD course instructor and EMS paramedic Brad Robinson says that having the immediate, on-the-scene help that PAD-trained people can provide is important, especially given the size, weather-conditions, and geography of Haliburton County. "EMS services or municipal fire departments do their very best to minimize response time but they can't always arrive at the scene immediately and the first few minutes after a heart attack are the critical ones."

Robinson, one of 5 EMS staff who teaches the course in Haliburton County, explains that a vital-signs-absent patient's chances of survival decrease 7 to 10 per cent for each minute untreated after a cardiac arrest. However, if CPR and defibrillation are enacted within the first three minutes, there's a 30 of 70 per cent chance of survival. "About 90 per cent of heart-related cases can benefit from a defibrillator," he adds.

Thus far the response to the course has been overwhelmingly positive. Blanchard, who oversees the program, is pleasantly surprised. "We've put a lot of effort into this and my biggest fear was that people wouldn't take the course at all," he says. "Fortunately, that's not the case. We've already trained about 90 people. By the time we're done we hope that number reaches about 200. And though we'd like to have Public Access Defibrillators everywhere, our current goal is to place them in 30 to 35 sites."

Robinson says some people might be reluctant to consider taking the course because they perceive it as complex. "The truth is these defibrillators are extremely user friendly – their electronic voice literally tells you what to do, repeating audio instructions until you've followed that particular step. And they'll provide feedback to keep you on track, including letting you know if your timing and depth of compressions (during CPR) need adjustment... Even the CPR is less complex and more straightforward than the versions previously taught. It's much easier to remember."

Another concern, Robinson sometimes hears, is one of liability. "Some people are afraid to step in and help; they're afraid of getting sued, but that's no longer an issue in Ontario."

He points to the province's Good Samaritan Act as proof. The 2001 legislation is designed to reduce the anxiety of those involved in a rescue attempt. Basically, unless gross negligence can be proven, a first-aider is not liable for any damages incurred during a rescue attempt, even if steps in first aid procedures were forgotten.

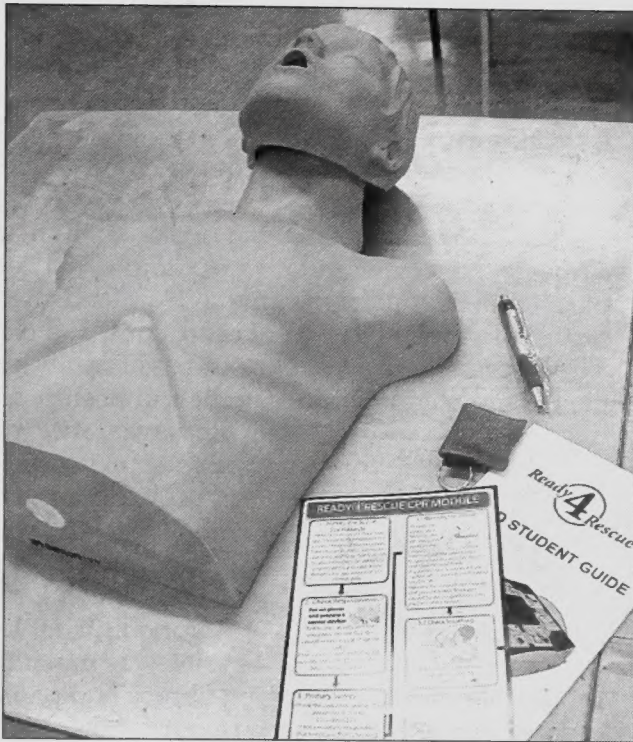
"It's actually better to do something than to do nothing in an emergency situation. At the very least comfort someone or call 9-1-1."

The PAD course provides users with the confidence to do that and more. Robinson says, "The course is taught so that you could pick up one of our AEDs six months down the road and still remember – with its prompting – what to do." Even after the event, first aiders can expect support. Follow up is part of the process, says Blanchard.

Blanchard says that the program is important to everyone in the County, especially since we have, on a per capita basis, the largest population of seniors in the province (almost double the provincial average). Furthermore, the projected growth rate over the next fifteen years suggests that population could double. If that's not enough, Stats Canada reports that 55 per cent of the county's permanent population is now over 45 years of age.

Blanchard would also love to see more PAD sites throughout the county. "Ideally, we'd have them in grocery stores and schools, too – the more places the better." He says that even more partnerships and fundraising activities by the community would be welcome.

Though relatively new, the PAD concept has already proven itself, most recently in Peterborough, where a patient's life was saved because of an AED unit. It's the EMS's hope that these miraculous pieces of technology



One of the dummies used for training in Haliburton County's Public Access Defibrillator course.

never need to be uncased – but the fact is that somewhere along the line, they'll probably be used in an emergency situation on a patient who is devoid of vital signs. And when that happens, that person should consider themselves lucky – the odds of survival have just increased significantly.

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The battle is over

IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT an easy battle, but it appears that the residents of Haliburton County have succeeded in saving their library branches from closure.

As our front-page headline reads, "The people have spoken."

Last Tuesday, in an amazing demonstration of both democracy and community spirit, more than 100 people attended a public meeting in Highlands East and made sure their voices were heard loud and clear.

Of 14 presenters, 13 spoke out passionately against the closure of any libraries in their township, and their pleas were met with raucous applause and approval from the sea of onlookers who clearly shared similar sentiments.

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editorial

greg hoekstra

The following night in Algonquin Highlands, the scene was much the same.

Yet another public meeting on library "rationalization" and yet another lop-sided turn out for the side opposed to library closures.

By the end of Wednesday's meeting, the county library board had little choice but to admit that they may have goofed up. And that's exactly what they did, with board chairperson Cheryl Murdoch telling those in attendance that a "one-size-fits-all solution" was clearly not the solution for Haliburton County.

Of course, two public meetings and six months later, one can't help but wonder if all of this controversy could have been avoided in the first place.

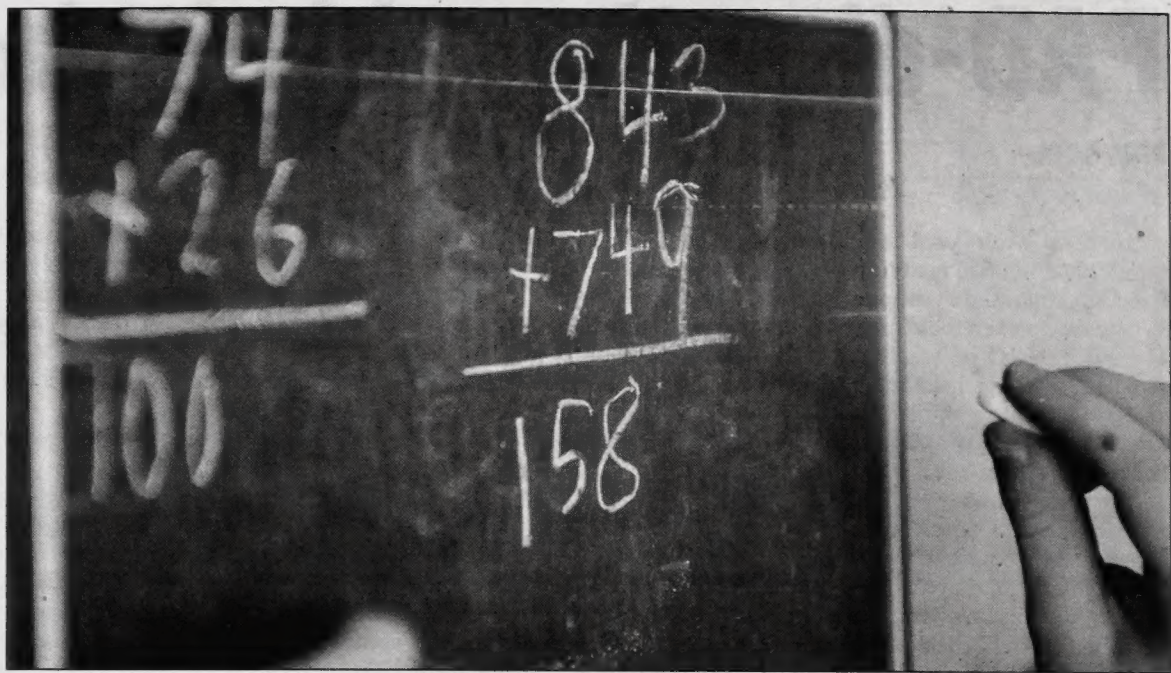
Perhaps the library board should have consulted the taxpayers before making their recommendation to county council, ensuring that their actions really did reflect the will of the people.

Then again, perhaps if people in the Highlands were more involved in the political process this decision would have never gained the approval of county council in the first place.

Being a politician is not easy, be it a seat in the Canadian House of Commons, or a seat at the Highlands East council table in Wilberforce. No matter how you slice it, politicians are elected – and elected by us – to make decisions every day on our behalf.

In the case of the library rationalization plan, people need to keep in mind that county council and the library board were only trying to deliver what they felt would be a genuinely better service. This was not a cost-cutting measure by any means – it was a commitment to one "bigger and better" library in each municipality, with more resources for patrons and longer hours, to boot.

That being said, it's clear now that "bigger and better" is not what the people of Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands want. So let's be thankful their voices were heard, but let's also not hold it against council, or the board, for doing what they felt in their hearts was right.



Do the math.

Photo by GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

A spanner in the works

OR, A SPANNER THAT actually works. This is a story of an amateur mechanic, namely me, trying to repair one snow-thrasher. The objective of the project was to return a belt onto the pulley that makes this snow thrasher, throw.

Without going into the details of how this pulley came to be disengaged from its rightful place, except to say that the language that spewed into the (thankfully) thinly populated forest surrounding its occurrence, shocked even this amateur mechanic.

Having left the area for several hours while my blood-pressure returned to its normal just slightly life-threatening self, I returned to the problem of trying to tear this fine machine apart to see how it functions. The story describes my adventure in spanners (wrenches) that ensued.

I started with my smallest steel box of socket wrenches, the red box. None of its ten sockets would loosen any of the nuts holding the snow thrasher together. These sockets were in inches, that is "1/2" etc. The sizes would always be just too small, or a bit too big – and would be liable to strip the nut into uselessness.

So I went and brought out the yellow tin box, with 36 different sockets in both millimetres and inches. The only difference between the millimetres and the inches in this case was smaller bursts of the above language once again punctuating the crisp Haliburton air, startling small birds into flight. Inches or millimetres made no difference whatsoever in fitting any of the nuts on this machine, which, I must surmise by its purpose, is as Canadian as the driven snow.

My neighbour, probably awakened from the comforts of winter reading by profane eruptions from the forest, came nonchalantly down to her

parking lot and pretended to clean snow off her car; noticed me glaring at my snow-thrasher, and asked what was wrong. I choked out my story and tried not to whine, but it was difficult. She

said, not to worry, she had a brand new set of sockets and wrenches and set off to bring them to the rescue. I thought, isn't it always the way; your neighbour always has the right stuff and you always have to borrow it. But I wasn't too proud, knowing that if I didn't get this thing fixed, I could be snowed in for the rest of the winter. Nancy came back with a very impressive set of every kind of wrench that could be snapped into a big plastic box. She also brought a loose assortment of spanners and a small adjustable wrench. Surely we were

on our way to finding our way into the pulley department of the snow-thrasher, and onward to putting it right. But, you guessed it: none of her shiny sockets or spanners fit this machine from Mars. None except the small adjustable wrench. It, except for the fact that its small size gave it almost no leverage, could be made to fit every nut in the country. No problem. My boiling blood made up for this with bursts of semi-superhuman strength. Nuts and bolts were soon lying hither and yon around the quickly-disintegrating snow machine. A few mini-panics later, the damn thing was back together and actually once again able to throw snow. Thanks be to heaven and my neighbour Nancy.

But, as happy as I am to have my snow-thrasher throwing snow again, I still have one basic question for someone out there who knows: Why is it that with our combined almost 50 sockets and wrenches, not one of them fit anything on that snow machine? Huh?

Is there a Department of Wrenches in Ottawa?



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The thrills never stop

THE OTHER DAY THE COURIER delivered a package that I'd been waiting for since late last week. In it was a new and relatively expensive scope for my refurbished deer rifle. My wife was absolutely thrilled.

Before you start sending her get-well-soon cards, let me explain.

She was thrilled because she had somehow come under the mistaken impression that this package contained several raw untreated skunk pelts for a "little project" I had dreamed up. Between you and me, I have found that this is the best and most economical method of thrilling a wife.

In fact, this last incident was a textbook example of why the terms "skunk pelt" and "little project" are so valuable to a hunter, fisherman, or run-of-the-mill outdoorsman. When I opened the box and pulled out expensive hunting optics, she was actually relieved.



steve
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outside chance

I've often heard people say that everything on this earth has a purpose – and I agree. Skunk pelts were made for situations such as this. Otherwise – and believe me I've tried – you can't give them away.

Actually, this is, as far as I know, one of the only viable uses for the term "skunk pelt." And I think this both sad and noteworthy.

If not for my efforts, the term might have faded out of popular usage altogether, leaving our language that much the poorer. So, in a sense, my getting a new riflescope was also culturally beneficial to the preservation of the English language.

No need to thank me; it's what I do.

I don't know what it is about a skunk pelt that inflicts so much horror into the average person but the sad and inexplicable truth is, it just does. And if that pelt is attached to a live skunk that problem is compounded even further.

Oh sure, I've heard people go on about the smell, but that's only because they've never spent a week in deer camp. If they had, they'd actually welcome some of the smells that emanate from dead skunks.

And though the colour scheme is similar to the vehicles that our OPP drive, I don't think that's the problem either. I figure if you ever pulled over because a skunk was behind you, you probably need a breathalyzer.

Whatever the reason, I'm thankful for the role that skunk pelts play in my life, because when all else fails, the threat of one can go a long way towards remedying the situation.

The only downside, if you can call it that, is that on occasion you need to back up the threat with action. Otherwise it gets to be one of those cry wolf scenarios and people don't take you seriously.

That's not to say that you actually need a skunk pelt in your possession, however. Even I'm not that crazy!

Instead, do the sane thing, and buy a bottle of skunk cover-scent from your local outdoors retailer. Then place a few drops on a rag in a shoe box. That, in my experience, is generally all that's required to complete the subterfuge. No one ever asks to look inside.

In any case, after this little tip, I expect that our local outdoors retailers will see a much-needed boost in their skunk cover-scent sales figures – which, I hope, might prompt them to put rifle slings, shooting sticks, and ammunition on sale.

Which is good, because, between you and me, I've got another little project with skunk pelts in mind....

I can be reached at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com. Drop a note if the mood strikes.



pic of the past

THIS WEEK'S PIC OF THE PAST comes to us courtesy of Haliburton's Joe Iles. With all the recent hype around various all-star games, Joe thought we'd like to see this photo of the 1947 OHA Junior C all-stars of Eastern Ontario. Joe is pictured second from the left in the second row, while on his right is Jack Davidson, a pro golfer who helped design Haliburton's Pinestone golf course. Our thanks to Joe for sharing this piece of history with us.

letters to the editor

People were ignored in asphalt debate

To the Editor:

If a tenet of democracy is government of the people and rule of the majority, then it's not happening in the Haliburton Highlands. The government's unrelenting determination to impose an asphalt plant, against a majority opposition of landowners, is at odds with the democratic process.

The extent of this determination was again underlined when Bill Hutson of the Ministry of Natural Resources recently announced his approval of a "portable asphalt plant ... for five years."

Government legislation in Ontario provides two very specific definitions of "portable."

i) The Provincial Policy Statement requires that a "portable" plant is to be dismantled at the end of the construction project. Where's the construction project in the Highlands?

ii) Ontario Regulation 349 requires that the portable plant remain at one location for less than a year. Hutson approved this plant for five years so it's either not "portable" or in violation of government's own standards. Simply wheeling it out and

back in once every year is a scam, and is not in keeping with the intent of the legislation.

In an e-mail dated Sept. 15, 2006 Mr. Hutson admitted that no permanent asphalt plant previously existed on Crown land anywhere in Ontario.

Now he attempts to justify the Irondale plant by alleging that manufacturing (no mention of asphalt manufacturing) is taking place on Crown land in the Hamilton area. What does industrial Hamilton have to do with a permanent asphalt plant amidst the natural environment of Irondale? The public deserves better from its government than attempts to deceive.

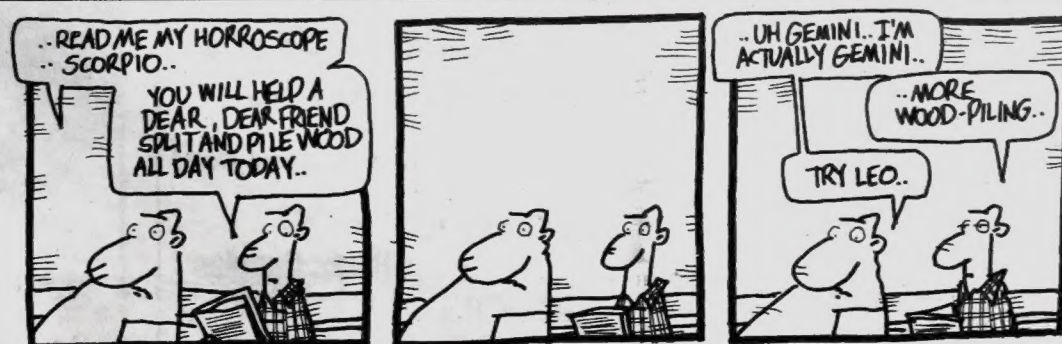
In a democracy, bureaucrats and their political masters must be held to account. When our local MPP skirted this issue by declaring it to be 'non-political,' The Echo, in an editorial, rightly disagreed and noted the same politician was the beneficiary of political donations by the Beamish Corporation.

Al Eppich
Irondale

Letters continue on pages 10 and 11

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo



History comes to life

Grade 3 students Catherine Raimy, Allysa Madill, and Betty Paton (from left) had a great time making candles as part of 'pioneer day' exercises at Stuart Baker Elementary School on January 23. Top right, Jaden Wilson, of Ms. Boake's Grade 3 class, is amazed by how much fun it is to make whipped cream 'the old-fashioned way.'



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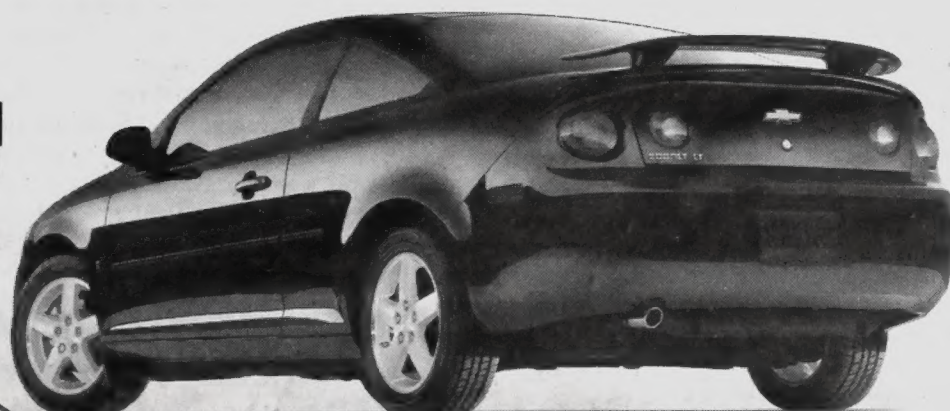
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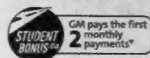
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MNR is trying to 'pass the buck'

To the Editor:

In response to "Green light for asphalt plant in Irondale", Ministry of Natural Resources area supervisor Bill Hutson stated that the construction company went the extra mile working around the site.

Mr. Hutson stated that the company has done all of the studies on truck traffic, species at risk, impact on the environment and hydrological reports and ministry technical people examined them. So in other words, MNR has done nothing except to take the word of this company.

He goes on to say any relevant concerns were looked at but how do you take those into consideration when it is just one person's opinion? There was a lot more than one person who complained, or did the rest of the complaints the MNR received go in the garbage with the petitions?

I have a map showing the work permit area, for the asphalt plant and the quarry, and there is only one beaver pond left, in the area where Beamish can draw this million gallons of water a day from and this pond is not even in

the work area. It is also the pond where the musk turtle is found yet Beamish already has permission to take this water. If they can draw water from anywhere off the site, then when this pond goes dry, are they going to be allowed to divert the Irondale River for the water supply they will require; the uranium mine will get theirs first since it's upstream, there wouldn't be much left.

In my opinion Mr. Hutson insinuates that the Ministry of the Environment will be responsible for this asphalt plant, if they approve, that the MNR has only given permission for a location. A nice way to try to pass the buck. Everyone knows that one branch of the government is not going to go against another branch. Also these people who make decisions that are critical with regards to wildlife and our source water should be totally responsible for any problems that arise because of their decisions and should pay out of their own pockets.

Esther Graham
Irondale

Haliburton's shopping can't be topped

To the Editor:

Better late than never. Just a quick note to say "thank you" to the town of Haliburton for making the Christmas shopping experience so stress-free and enjoyable! Without having planned to shop for the holidays I found myself parked right smack-dab in front of Stedman's at the end of November and before I realized it - half of my shopping was done!

It just happened that the parking meters were covered over, and without having to worry about how fast I needed to shop I was able to relax and fill my cart to the brim. There was plenty staff on hand to answer all my questions and to top it all off they even offered \$10 coupons. Now tell me where you can go out of town for that kind of service!

Fortunately, the free parking continued which meant I couldn't resist checking out the January sales as well.

However, on a sadder note, today I did have to scrounge through my purse to find .25 cents so I could check out JanKnits for the first time. With only 15 minutes to shop I wasn't able to find out what "Cindy's" had at 50 per cent off. Oh well, maybe next December!

Linda Nottage
Wilberforce

NIMBYISM? More like NIOBYISM!

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify an issue raised by a recent correspondent regarding the so-called NIMBYISM of those who oppose uranium mining in Haliburton County. Actually, this is a NIOBY issue, meaning "Not in Our Backyard."

Uranium tailings pose a hazard to life for hundreds of centuries. Through seepage, radon emission and ground-water contamination they threaten future generations of living beings, including humans, for hundreds of miles

around. Whatever community exists here in future times will have to take measures to protect itself from the waste we have to generate.

When an individual objects to such an undertaking, he or she is giving voice to a collective concern that will echo down through time. Please, let us not pretend that this is simply a gripe confined to a few selfish landowners.

Doug Smith
Green Party of Ontario

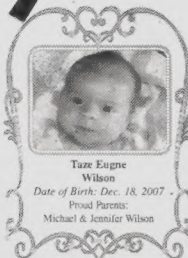
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Expiry:

Big city ideas aren't always the answer for smaller communities

To the Editor:

I attended the public meeting in Highlands East, concerning the "rationalization" of library services in Haliburton County last Tuesday night.

The first thing that struck me was that this was a meeting to inform the public that a decision was already made for their benefit (whether they liked it or not) without input from the people who it impacted the most. The second thing that struck me was the back of my wife's hand as I expressed my outrage at the gall these people had to presume to know what I wanted. Quietly, of course, and in her ear, because as we were told at the end of the presentation, we are very polite.

The way this proposal was presented was kind of like when your parents told you to eat your asparagus because they knew it was good for you, even though it made you gag and want to throw up. "You'll eat it and like it 'cause I said so!"

The third thing that struck me was the overwhelming way the residents of our smaller communities in Highlands East were united and totally against this plan. Presenter after presenter approached the podium and stated that "bigger is not better" and that closing our small libraries is not acceptable. Moving story after emotional appeal after angry retort all stated the same message, "Leave our libraries alone! We like them just fine! If it ain't broke don't fix it!" Each speech was followed by a raucous round of applause. Community spirit is alive and well and living in Highlands East!

I was surprised that there wasn't someone in the back handing out pitchforks and torches. But "we were polite" and all was done in typically rural Canadian civility. Then came the "Friends of the Haliburton County Library Board" presentation. The only presenter this evening to be in favour of the proposal. We learned that this lady was, true to her appearance, a retired librarian from the GTA. We learned that our "tiny libraries" were inadequate and inefficient. We were told that they were all damp and that the books needed to be saved. We were informed that a library is supposed to be big and vibrant and "a beehive of activity."

At this point the crowd began to grumble and the man in the back with the pitchforks began to rub his hands together in anticipation. This lady seemed to know what we had been missing all our lives and was telling us that we were not doing things right, you know, like they do in the Big City.

Each library is located in a village in

Highlands East that, until recently, was the center of its respective municipality. Amalgamation changed that and now these towns are losing their identities. Schools are closing. Post offices are closing. Businesses are leaving. The local library has become the hub of the community. And now the County wants to close the libraries in favour of a "central super-library that will better serve the needs of all."

Sounds great, except that Highland East ranges from Gooderham to Wilberforce to Highland Grove to Cardiff. Central means that unless you live next door, it's about a 25-minute drive to check out a book. The Library Board says "It's all about access to books," but 25 minutes doesn't sound all that accessible to me.

It was stated that our communities are not against progress. Just progress without purpose. We would love to have larger libraries with many more services. Just not at the expense of losing the easy access to books that we have now. Many points were presented that are very relevant to today's environmentally aware society. Most of the world is cutting down on emissions and we want to make everyone drive their polluting internal combustion automobile 25 minutes to get a book. Without public transportation, that's the only way to get there. It's a little far to ride your bike.

The Library Board wants us to think about what our children will want 5 or 10 years down the road while stating that our population is rapidly becoming older as many more retire to our area. I think our children will probably be at one of those big beehive city libraries. Those that grow up here wouldn't know what a library is because the school board wouldn't be able to afford to charter busses to take the kids to the big central library. Currently, it's just a short walk. Now that's environmentally aware. Kudos teachers.

It's clear that the residents of our small towns share a vision of keeping our small towns small and will unite to fight anyone who tells us we don't know what's good for us. I hope the county and the library board will remember why they live here and act accordingly. Small Town people look after their own, no matter what some provincial commission tells us. It's the reason we love to live here.

Mark Smith
Harcourt, Elephant Lake,
Highland Grove and
all points in between

Sometimes we can hardly keep up!

This week the *Echo* received more than 15 letters to the editor...

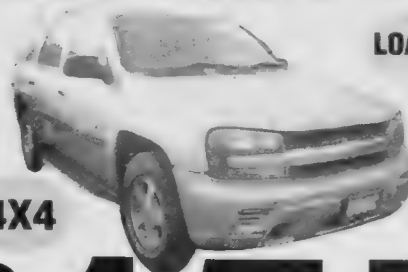
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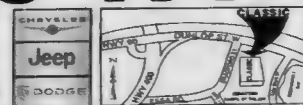
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Fuming mad over uranium mining?

Public meeting tomorrow night will help bring opposition together

The group Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (FUME) will be hosting an open meeting at the Gooderham Community Centre at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6 to determine how to fight uranium mining and exploration in the Municipality of Highlands East.

According to a press release, Bancroft Uranium Inc. – a company that has been staking land for several months in Highlands East – has just contracted Greenspirit Strategies Ltd. to handle its media and public relations on what is now being called the "Monmouth Uranium Project."

Bancroft Uranium has also appointed former Greenpeace President Dr. Patrick Moore to the company's advisory board, and rumours are swirling that a public town hall meeting will be planned for the very

near future.

As a result, the agenda of this Wednesday's meeting will focus on the Bancroft Uranium news release and how to deal with any upcoming public meetings. The group wants to have a strong presence at Wednesday's meeting.

Those unable to attend or those interested in more information on FUME can also visit the group's website at www.fighturanium.com.



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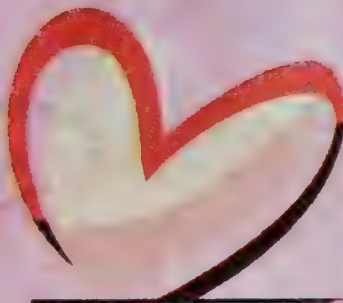
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Fish licence-free on family fishing weekend

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is inviting Ontarians to bundle up and take part in the second annual winter Family Fishing Weekend on February 23 and 24.

"The licence-free family fishing weekend is an opportunity for both novice and experienced anglers to take part in local events where they can learn about ice fishing, ice safety and the importance of conservation," said MNR Minister Donna Cansfield.

"I am pleased to join the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and other partners in encouraging everyone to get outdoors and enjoy this popular winter sport with family and friends where ice conditions permit safe fishing."

"Ice fishing is a great way to get the kids outside and connected with nature," said Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters President Jack Hedman. "With more OFAH clubs coming on board to host local fish-

ing events, we hope the winter family fishing weekend will grow to match the hugely popular summer version of this family friendly event."

During the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, Canadian residents can fish licence-free in any public waters across Ontario, except those with a closed season. Anyone fishing licence-free must follow the conservation licence limits set out in the 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

Information on these limits will be available at each participating site.

Anglers should also check the summary for regulations on season closures and gear and bait restrictions, which must be observed.

"I want to thank all of our partners for continuing to support family fishing weekends," said Cansfield. "The Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association, the Canadian National Sportfishing Foundation, the

Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada have all contributed to the success of the weekends, and their continued involvement is appreciated."

More information about the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend, including how an organization can host an event, is available at www.familyfishingweekend.com.

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MNR reverses its baitfish ruling

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is pleased that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has acted swiftly to change a flawed regulation contained in the new recreational fisheries summary.

As of January 1, 2008, it became illegal to use baitfish larger than 13 cm (5.1 in.) in eastern Ontario. But in response to concerns from both anglers and the bait industry, the Ministry announced on January 31 that the prohibition would be lifted immediately.

"In acting quickly on this matter, the MNR is confirming the importance of the use of baitfish in our sustainable recreational fisheries," said Mike Reader, executive director of the OFAH.

"At the same time, this issue emphasizes the need for the timely funding and implementation of stakeholder-based Zone councils that can provide input into regulations prior to them being enacted."

With more than 83,000 members and 655 member clubs, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is the leading fishing, hunting and conservation organization in Ontario. For more information visit www.ofah.org.

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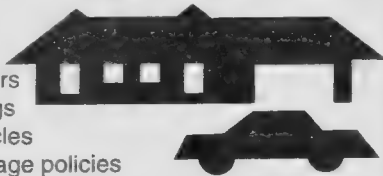
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With the move to our new location, we also took the opportunity to update our look, and changed our name to better reflect our business's services. So Haliburton Optical (formerly located on the lower level of the Stedman's Plaza in Haliburton), officially became known as "Haliburton Vision Care Centre". What hasn't changed is our commitment to fast, friendly, professional service to our clients.

One of the most exciting new services we offer is the "Optikam," a touch-screen photo kiosk that allows patients to clearly see themselves comparing up to four frames side-by-side. What does this mean? If you've ever tried on new frames, you know how frustrating it can be to not be able to see yourself – because you're not wearing your glasses! You end up asking other store patrons for their opinions, or relying on that of the store's staff, or having to come back in later with a friend or spouse. But you still don't get to have a really good look at yourself in your new frames until your new glasses are ready to be picked up. Well, no longer! The Optikam allows you to try on your favourite frames, snap a quick photo of yourself, then view up to four photos at a time on a computer screen. Then you simply put on your old glasses – so you can see yourself in your choices, side-by-side. And all of this provided at a touch-screen kiosk that the customer can easily operate themselves! At the Vision Care Centre, we want you to be happy with your choice, so you can see clearly, while looking and feeling your best.

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Games could raise county's profile

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have here throughout the county as a whole, we probably can," he said.

Assessing the county's facilities will be Dennis Casey. With the help of council, who showed their interest in the games council has already created a budget fund to help with the process. Casey has from now until March 26 to compile his data. At this time Smith will then present the findings to council who will then decide whether a bid for the games is possible.

The process of getting the games is not a cheap one, as Smith says that the cost will likely reach over a million dollars. However, if Haliburton County is fortunate enough to host, there are grants available, approximately \$600,000 of which comes from Sport Alliance and another \$200,000 or so from the athletes themselves.

Regardless of cost, the economic and tourism benefits would be great for the county.

"It will raise our profile and get our name out there," said Smith.

Smith was also sure to mention how confident he was that the county could handle such a large task, both in the ability to host and as hosts.

"The economic impact in late August would be huge," says volunteer Bob Nichol. "It would bring a lot of people to the county, which maybe have never been here."

At this point neither Smith or Nichol is sure how much competition the county is up against but for now the organizers will be busy over the next few weeks.

"By April 1 we have to have every bid site nailed down," said Nichol.

Up to 1,000 volunteers will be needed from the county, but from speaking with locals Nichol believes there is very positive potential support.



Maxine Snell, Ron Tucker, Gary Brohman and Sue Sisson are all smiles because the Minden Agricultural Society, who sponsor the Haliburton County Fair, have donated \$500 in the form of a community bursary for any worthy student who will pursue a career related to agriculture.

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So it seems one battle may be won. Thirteen out of fourteen presenters at the well-attended meeting about library consolidation and closures disagreed heartily and with many excellent reasons with the decision that only one library in Highlands East be supported with operating funds by the county.

These presenters were received with very supportive applause by those in attendance. Information provided by the County CAO Jim Wilson certainly indicated that there are a great many library users in Highlands East.

The first presentation, which was made by Highlands East councillor Suzanne Partridge, clarified for all that Highlands East council as a whole opposed the decision and did not want the libraries in Wilberforce, Highland Grove, Gooderham and Cardiff village closed. All of the Highlands East council members except Deputy-reeve and county library board member Jim Mackie attended the meeting.

By the end of the meeting it appeared that some members of the Haliburton County library board who are also on county council, which makes final decisions may reconsider their decision. The majority of the library users and supporters in our villages do hope so.

Though there is a desire for improvements in our buildings there is no doubt the people want the libraries where they are, in the hearts of their communities near the readers.

The weather, very rainy, may not have kept people from the library meeting but as it stopped early next morning and temperature dropped quickly it was a different story. Schools closed for two days, Wednesday curling and a Loop troupe meeting were cancelled. More snow! The second session of the inter-generational project with the Grade 5/6 class at the local school postponed. How weather affects our lives. Good news is that the snow came just in time for snow-mobilers to hit the trails on the weekend. Good for the service stations and restaurants.

Harold Mitchell died at his home here in Wilberforce during the early hours of Saturday, January 26, just a

few months short of his 75th birthday. A little of Harold died years ago when he was just a young man. At age 18 he was struck down with polio. One day he just couldn't get out of bed. Out of all of us in this community one lad, still living at home gets this dread disease. He had already left school and had been working as a carpenter's assistant. He was a hockey player, one of the best on the Wilberforce team- on the "kid line" with the Tallman brothers Keith and Karl. He played well, skated hard, and was popular with the local fans. Suddenly his life changed.

Harold was a determined fellow, perhaps even stubborn, but a survivor. His trucks were always customized to be hand operated for he had no use of his legs. He worked for many years for a company west of Toronto. Upon retirement he came home to live with his mother Ethel. He helped out as much as he could. He literally crawled onto the riding lawn mower to keep the grounds overlooking Dark Lake neat and tidy.

He loved his vegetable garden- often riding between the rows to plant and weed on another lawn mower from which the cutting blade had been removed. After his mother's death he struggled on with more health problems most recently leukemia. With support he was able to be where he wanted to be -at home - until the end.

Condolences are extended to his sisters Barbara of Lindsay and Linda of Edmonton. He was predeceased by his parents Owen and Ethel and a younger sister Joyce. Rest in peace Harold, out of pain at last. In accordance with his wishes there was no funeral service for Harold.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Aleck Hutchinson, husband of Doreen Croft Hutchinson in Vineland, Ontario on January 20. He was in his 94th year. Condolences are extended to Doreen who was born and grew up in Wilberforce, and to her family including Melville and Bessie Croft and their family.

I regret an error in last week's column. Margaret Harrison was for many years the Office Manager for Variety Club in Toronto.

There may still be time to sign up for a Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network workshop this Thursday, February 7.

Neil Campbell will be presenting "Writing Personal Essays and Columns" from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Minden Cultural Centre. The cost is \$10. Call Pat Brown at (705) 286-6448 for information.

Trillium grant makes renovations possible at Haliburton Legion

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Carol Stamp

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The Haliburton Legion was fortunate enough to receive a Trillium Grant, which we have used to purchase new carpeting for most of the branch.

So far the Mountbatten Room and the Club Room have been completed. The carpet layers should finish the upstairs by the time this column is in print. We have a long way to go to complete the upgrading of our branch but with everyone's help and contributions we will be successful.

Our Sports Officer Bill Timms has started a sports group for anyone who wishes to join. This group will meet every Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. starting February 4, so come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun and activity.

Many activities will be offered and if anyone has something else they would prefer to do, Bill will welcome their input. Bill will organize card games, pool games, darts, shuffleboard for anyone interested. This is a real opportunity for those of us in the community who don't like to drive at night to get out and enjoy an afternoon with others. It's also a chance to make new friends or enjoy the company of old friends. If you need further information or wish to make suggestions call Bill Timms at 754-2799.

A Sunday breakfast is also being planned for February 17. In addition to that, our Branch public speaking contest will take place in the main hall on February 23. An alternate rain date is set for February 29.

Remember to come out and enjoy our bingo games, held every Wednesday at 7 pm. The \$1,000 bingo game will be held on February 27 this month.

Our Ladies Auxiliary will meet on February 28 at 1 p.m. The Branch Executive will meet on February 5 at 1 p.m. No general meeting will be held in the month of February. The next general meeting will be March 13.

Remember to come out and enjoy the fun and laughter at our weekly meat draws, held every Friday night starting at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Be astonished by the amazing Stylamanders



A youngster, Shamus, volunteered to help out on stage during one of the Stylamanders performances.

Photos by Matt James



On Super bowl Sunday (Feb. 2) youngsters and their parents filled Haliburton's Northern Lights Pavilion for an afternoon of high-energy entertainment by the duo known as the Stylamanders, the second of four concerts put on by the Razzamataz Kids Shows.

The Stylamanders consists of Mark Kersey, the keyboard/yo-yo champ, who performed on Mr. Dressup for 10 years, and his counterpart Paul Gibson, an actor with plenty of acting experience on his resume who also plays guitar and writes most of the songs performed by the two-man group.

Be sure to catch the next show, 'Goldilocks and the Three Canadian Bears,' presented by Little Red Theatre on Sunday, March 2 at the Northern Lights Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Above: Mark Kersey, left, and Paul Gibson bring kids to their feet, clapping and dancing throughout the entire family-oriented show.

At left: Kersey shows off his yo-yo abilities.

Experience the fusion of fibre and film

This Friday, February 8, the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton invites art lovers of the Highlands to come out and experience the funky fusion of fibre and film.

The event kicks off with an opening reception at 4:30 p.m. in which visitors will get to see some of the new work by gallery member Laura Trach. Her work will continue to be on display at the gallery until Saturday, March 1.

The reception will be followed by a screening of *Rivers And Tides: Working With Time*, a documentary about internationally renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy. The film will start at 7:30 pm in the Highland Gallery and run for approximately 90 minutes.

LAURA TRACH'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH TEXTILES

Laura began a love affair with textiles as a young girl, delving into her mother's fabric stash and using her sewing machine. A skirt emerged a couple of hours later.

Laura now creates unique wearable art designed to be functional as well as beautiful. She also works in two-dimensional pieces incorporating many textile mediums. Thread painting some of her favorite photographs, collaging leather pieces into landscape and more recently starting to play with needle felting. She strives to create textile art that is vibrant and fun.

Laura's education in textiles began while working in fabric stores and continued in college. She received a fashion design diploma from Fanshawe College and a textile surface design certificate from Fleming College. She is a member of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre and this is her first solo show at the Gallery.

ABOUT ANDY GOLDSWORTHY, SUBJECT OF THE FILM RIVERS AND TIDES

Known for his bohemian free spirit, Goldsworthy presents his unique creative process that explores the magical realm of art and nature.

Rooted in creation, Andy's painstakingly intricate work evolves with time, tests human endurance and accepts the ever looming, Mother Nature.

This is a must see for those who thrive in the outdoors and artists alike.



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Tenders will be accepted at the Dysart et al Municipal Office on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 27th, 2008.

Tender forms and specifications are available at the Municipal Office.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389
Haliburton, Ontario
K0M 1S0
Tel: (705) 457-1740
Fax: (705) 457-1964

Tammy McKelvey,
CAO/Clerk.

Admission is by donation to the gallery. Coffee and tea will be available for purchase.

For more information on this event, or other great events happening at the gallery, please call (705) 457-2330 or visit www.railsendgallery.com. The Rails End Gallery is located at 23 York Street in Haliburton Village.



Municipality of Dysart et al
INNOVATIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for an
EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking volunteers to sit on an Events Committee, which will have the mandate of attracting, coordinating and assisting with new Events in our Municipality.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, clearly marked "Events Committee", outlining your background and availability, on or before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008 to:

Municipality of Dysart et al
PO Box 389
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

Work stoppage in Kawartha Lakes affects local nutrition programs in Haliburton County

Two Health Unit programs offered in Haliburton County will be affected during a municipal work stoppage in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Unionized workers with the City of Kawartha Lakes began a work stoppage yesterday (February 4). As a result, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge

District Health Unit is announcing changes to the following programs:

- The Basic Shelf Cooking Program currently being offered in Haliburton County is postponed.

- The Good Food Box Program provided to residents of Haliburton County is also on hold until further notice.

Without the assistance of staff with the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Health Unit

notes that these programs cannot be offered in their present form. The changes to the Basic Shelf Program and Good Food Box will remain in effect for the duration of the municipal work stoppage.

For further information and updates, call the local Health Unit office at (705) 457-1391.



THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL Requires a TREASURER/DEPUTY-CLERK

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking an individual to eventually fill the position of Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk. The successful applicant will assist the current Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk in order to fully assume the incumbent's duties, following her retirement at the end of 2008.

The Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk reports to the CAO/Clerk and executes the statutory duties of the Treasurer regarding the financial management of the Municipality. As a member of the Senior Management Team, you will be responsible for directing the Treasury Department staff, administration of the financial accounting systems and property tax functions, preparation of financial statements, payroll and benefit plans, municipal banking arrangements, reserve fund investments, debentures, and associated by-laws.

Our ideal candidate will have a post secondary education in accounting/business and 5 years of related municipal or equivalent experience. Thorough knowledge of computer applications and excellent organizational, oral, written and interpersonal skills are required.

For a position description, please visit our website at www.dysartetel.ca or contact the Municipal Office.

The salary range for this position is \$52,790 to \$61,187 (2007 rate), and includes a comprehensive benefit plan.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resumé and cover letter to the undersigned by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, February 27th, 2008.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,
CAO/Clerk.
Email: tmckelvey@dysartetel.ca

Municipality of Dysart et al,
135 Maple Avenue,
PO Box 389,
Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0
Phone: (705)457-1740 / Fax: (705)457-1964

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

NOTICE OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM

TO: HALIBURTON SLED RENTALS LTD.

An action has been commenced against you in this Court by Dixie Lee Tremblay and Darah Tremblay and Alexandra Tremblay by their Litigation Guardian Diane Violette, as a result of injuries which occurred while taking part in an excursion offered through the Deerhurst Resort by Haliburton Sled Rentals Ltd. known as the "Rhino" on a Yamaha Rhino vehicle which incident occurred on July 13, 2005 in the Town of Deerhurst, in the Province of Ontario.

It has been ordered that service of the Statement of Claim on Haliburton Sled Rentals Ltd. be effected by this advertisement. If you wish to defend the action, you or an Ontario lawyer acting for you must prepare a Statement of Defence in Form 18A prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, serve it on the Plaintiffs' lawyer at the address shown below, and file it, with proof of service, in the office of the Superior Court of Justice at 155 Elm Street, Sudbury, Ontario, P3C 4Y9 on or before March 3rd, 2008.

IF YOU FAIL TO DEFEND THIS ACTION, JUDGMENT MAY BE GIVEN AGAINST YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU.

Date: December 31, 2007

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Walker's Heating & Cooling has installed many units manufactured by Venmar Ventilation over the years and are taking this initiative to reach out to our customers who potentially could be affected by this upgrade.

If you have a HRV installed in your home, we recommend that you immediately turn off the unit and unplug it from the power source.

To validate if your unit is included in the Product Safety Upgrade Program contact Venmar toll free at 1-866-441-4645. Please make sure to have the model and serial number ready before you call. You may also visit their website at www.venmar.ca and follow the links.



For further information or assistance please
contact our office at 457-2375.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday March 3rd, 2008
- **TIME:** 7:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of 776999 Ontario Inc.:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of 5 new lots for rural residential purposes.
 - Zone change from "RU1" to "RR-10".
 - Location: Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 10, Dudley Township (1121 Indian Point Road).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-064/06, H-065/06, H-066/06 and H-016/07.
2. Lands of the Municipality of Dysart et al:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a building, which will house the municipal library and the museum. The land to be rezoned includes the current location of the Rails End Gallery and the 4 C's building.
 - Zone change from "OS" to "OS-11".
 - Permitted uses will include: an accessory retail store, a museum, a parking lot, a public library, a public park and a public use.
 - Accessory buildings per lot: no minimum
 - Minimum lot line, exterior side: 1.5 metres.
 - Location: Part of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 8, Part of Blocks P and L and part of the closed road allowance for George Street, Plan 1, Dysart Township (part of Head Lake Park).
 - Special Policy Area 18.9 of the Dysart Official Plan applies.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of February, 2008.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

West Guilford community centre plans for the future

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

The community centre committee met on January 28 with 13 present. Bingo was well attended in the main hall that night while the meeting was held in the lower area. On Wednesday morning Logan Roberts and Susan Norcross were interviewed on Canoe FM by Cathy McIlmurray regarding the centre's activities. Various items were discussed and positive outlook was expressed for the future plans at the centre.

Joel Cooper has become sales representative in Orillia for Prudential Lifestyles Real Estate Brokerage which is a subsidiary of the Prudential Insurance Company of America. Good wishes to Joel as he proceeds with this new work in his life.

Good Wishes for full recovery to Pam Rolfe following her return from knee surgery in the Peterborough Hospital.

Five friends of Verna Sawyer's spent an afternoon with her in a little lounge of the Haliburton Hospital on January 25th. Some years ago these people: Lottie Ruttan, Belle Walker, Muriel

Harrington, Helen Henderson, Marj Hamilton and Verna got together regularly to play Canasta. Since Verna was hospitalized due to broken shoulder they decided to see about arranging for their game to be played there and were delighted that this could be handled by the staff. A nice break all around.

It's so sad to have to report on another passing of a member of the community. Our sympathy is surely with Colleen Mulholland and Chris Mawbey in the passing of their mother.

Shannon Neville was guest of honour at Cheryl Cooper's on Tuesday evening, January 29. She received a lovely variety of baby gifts from Terry Upton, Kathleen Owens, Marjorie Nicholls, Kendra Sission, myself, and from Cheryl whose bag seemed bottomless when the number of items kept coming.

The jar at the store is still there receiving gifts of money for those left homeless as a result of the fires.

Fleming College offers an afternoon of Sacred Circle Dancing on February 9, 2-4 p.m. No experience is needed and each dance is taught all very clearly before you join in. Call Angela at 455-9000 for more information.

Irene Scott has died peacefully at Extendicare and our sympathy goes to the family remaining Oscar (Bert) Of North Carolina and Elaine of Haliburton. Predeceased by her daughter Shirley.

School board appoints a new superintendent

The following are highlights from the January 29 meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's board of trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Bob Kaye to the position of Superintendent of Business, effective immediately. Kaye, a board employee for 18 years, replaces former Superintendent of Business Jim Bradley.

NEW CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY APPROVED

Trustees approved the board's new code of conduct, which aligns with the Education Ministry's amendments to the "safe school" provisions of the Education Act. Those amendments come into effect February 1, 2008.

The code outlines standards of behaviour and provides a definition of bullying. The behaviour standards apply to the entire school community, including students, parents, volunteers and staff. It also provides guidelines for suspensions

and expulsions, and appeal hearings in such cases.

Information is now being shared with schools, parents and students.

NUTRITION POLICY EXTENDED TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Trustees gave a hearty approval to a nutrition policy that further encourages making healthy food choices available in all schools' and board offices, including cafeterias, school events and vending machines. It encourages schools and work sites that provide food to students and staff to work towards ensuring choices are free of trans fats.

BOARD TO HONOUR FORMER TRUSTEE

Trustee Bob Orr passed away November 1. Trustees approved a plan to plant a tree and place a plaque in his honour at the board office in Lindsay this spring. His widow and family have agreed to attend the event.

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What's happening in the Highlands

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- Feb 13: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting Wed. February 13, Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. (Please enter by the rear door.) Doors open at 6pm for business and chat, speaker at 7pm - HHGG Member Sharon Middlehurst on "The History of Quilts". Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.
- Feb 16: There will be a 'Pampered Chef' fundraiser at the Cobocok Train Station Sat. Feb. 16/08 at 2:00 p.m. See some great cooking tools and enjoy FREE refreshments! 20% of all sales go towards the ongoing restoration of the Cobocok Train Station. For further information, contact Barb Curry at 454-1878.
- Feb 21: Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- Feb 21: Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- Feb 27: "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th 12:30 - 1:30. Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served! This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware).
- Mar 20: Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
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- Mar 26: Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.
- Mar 26 & 27: Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County - A new picture every day at HYPERLINK "http://jackbush.my-expressions.com/http://jackbush.my-expressions.com"
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Bridge Youth Centre - Ages 10-14, 3:30-6:00 pm on Fridays. Ages 14-22, 8:00-10:30pm on Fridays. Located at 73 Victoria Street in Haliburton. Please call Jamie, 854-0401 or email HYPERLINK "mailto:jame@youthunlimitedkaw.com/jamie@youthunlimitedkaw.com" HYPERLINK "mailto:jame@youthunlimitedkaw.com"
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Every Monday, Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Climbing Club - Tuesday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 - 8 pm, children and parents climb together; Youth & Adults 8 pm - 9 pm. Fee: \$2. per person. Sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Call Donna at 457-5345, ext. 314 or email: HYPERLINK "mailto:donna@pointintime.ca/donna@pointintime.ca"
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of accessing help without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- Highlands Squash Club (beside the Haliburton Arena) offers Recreational Squash. Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Free lessons for beginners. Membership avail. Call Glen at 457-2862 or Don at 457-1110.
- Indoor Walking - Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
- Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.
- Living with Cancer - A Support Group meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
- Mac user group starting up! Anyone interested in meeting once a month please email HYPERLINK "mailto:haliburdance@sympatico.ca" HYPERLINK "mailto:haliburdance@sympatico.ca" (in conjunction with HYPERLINK "mailto:maccs@workmaccs@work")
- Meals On Wheels - by Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously balanced frozen meals. Call 457-2941.
- North Entrance Lodge - meets the third Wednesday of each month, from now until June 2008 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in this great fraternity please call Roger Hillier at 447-2767.
- Ontario Breast Screening Program - for women 50 years & over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays & Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- Ontario Early Years - Parents & children 0-6 years drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. - 12. Call 457-2989.
- Public Skating: Parents & Tots Skating (Free) Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12pm. or, Adults Skate \$1.00 (donation) Tuesdays 1pm - 3 pm, FREE Public Skating, most Sundays 11am-1pm (check with the arena to confirm). All held at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden.
- Rails End Gallery - Tea At Three, every Wednesday at 3 p.m., 23 York St. Haliburton. A weekly discussion group for adults who like to talk about art. Call Laurie at 457-2330 for info.
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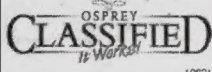


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HOLZ, Erna Martha - On Sunday, January 27, 2008, after a brief illness. Erna, dearly beloved wife of the late Art and loving mother of Betty and her husband Klaus Herchenroder of Holland, Pennsylvania. Beloved grandmother of Klaus Brandon. Dear sister of Lillian Schill of Texas. In respect to Erna's wishes, no services will be held. Betty and Klaus wish to thank Erna's friends and family for their love and support during her recent illness. If desired, condolences to the family, and donations to the P.R.H.C. Palliative Care Unit may be made at www.CommunityAlternative.ca or by calling **COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL HOME** at 705-742-1875.

TYLER, Beulah - Born in Orillia, Graduated from the Hospital for Sick Children in 1947, came to Haliburton as a Red Cross Outpost Nurse, renowned for her pie making and bread rolls, worked in the family appliance business for many years.

Passed away peacefully at Extencare, Haliburton on Thursday, January 31, 2008. At the age of 85.

Beloved wife of Charles Tyler. Dear mother of Randolph (Jocelyn) of Halifax, Helen (Terry) Watkiss of North Gower, Reginald (Cindy) of Brampton, Lillian (Jim) Rowe of Switzerland, William (Linda) of Waterloo, Godfrey (Jean) of Haliburton and Viola Tyler (Murray Laing) of Mitchell. Loving grandmother to many grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear sister of Rebecca Dawson of Beaverton and Robert Walker (predeceased) of Orillia. Daughter of the late William and Ethel Walker. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Sunday from 2-5pm and on Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Haliburton United Church from 12:00 noon until time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

Memorial Donations to the Red Cross Society or to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

In memoriam

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Remember him.

- Loved, missed and remembered
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TEATRO, Vincent "Duke" Stafford -
February 9, 1978

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daughter Shirley and her brothers Lorne, Mike and sisters Beryl, Winnie, & Marj. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL Wigamog Road, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-3522 on Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2008 for a Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. Interment later Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

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Thank You

The family of the late Marjorie Bain would like to thank everyone for the kind and generous love you showed to our Mother and ourselves during her illness and following her death.

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation.

Thank you to those for her medical care, especially Dr. Ferracuti, Gwen Thompson from Paramed, and all those who helped from the Access Centre. Special thanks to Pastor Bert of West Guilford Baptist Church for his visits and words of prayer, before and after she died, and returning from his Christmas break for her funeral service.

We would also like to thank Duaine, Laurie and Molly from the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their guidance and professionalism.

To the ladies from our community who prepared and served the lovely lunch after the service, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you. God Bless
Bern and Sharon, Ron and Debbie, Dave and Janet.

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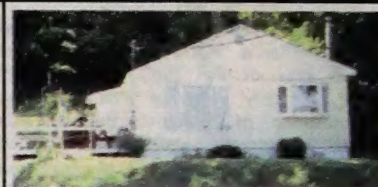
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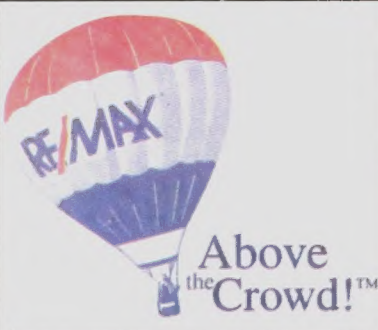


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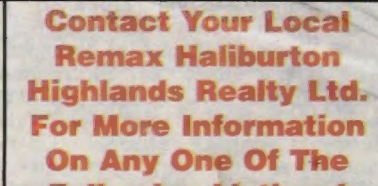


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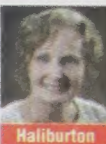


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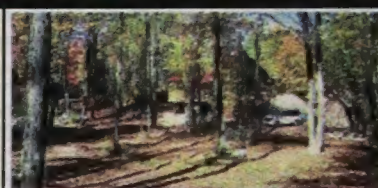


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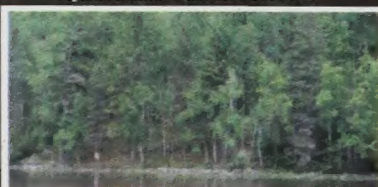


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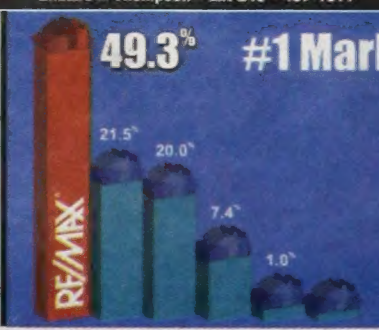
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